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[DOT HACK X FOURTH]

Outline of Story

The protagonist, Kite, has teamed up with BlackRose and Mistral to save his friend Orca and defeat the formidable enemy Skeith, but... in order to enjoy X Fourth even more, let's review the previous chapter!

APPEARING CHARACTERS



KITE

The protagonist who thinks of his friends. His class is Twin Blade. He was invited to login by Orca, but, before long, he was involved in an incident.



ORCA

A strong player with the alias "Orca of the Azure Seas." He was defeated by Skeith, who appeared suddenly, and is now in a coma due to unknown reasons.



BLACKROSE

A female Heavy Blade user with a strong will. She joins Kite in uncovering the mystery behind the disaster that is occurring within the game.



MISTRAL

A Crest User who is a happy-go-lucky kind of person. She loves collecting rare items.



AURA

A mysterious girl being chased by Skeith. She entrusted Orca with the bracelet.

SUMMARY OF WHAT'S HAPPENED

The protagonist, Kite, was invited by his friend, Yasuhiko (Orca), and began his adventure in the world of the net game, "The World." The two were having fun in a beginner's area when, suddenly, they encountered the mysterious girl Aura, who entrusted them with a bracelet, and, immediately after, Orca was defeated by the monster "Skeith," which suddenly appeared. At the same time, Yasuhiko, in the real world, also lost consciousness and remained in that state. Kite challenges Skeith again with the friends that he has gotten to know in the game, BlackRose and Mistral.

However, they couldn't stand up to it at all. When Kite was at his strength and wit's end and about to be defeated, the bracelet he was wearing started shining, and using its power, they managed to crush Skeith.



▲ Orca, who defended the beginner Kite. He was defeated by Skeith's unknown technique.



▲ Kite used the power of the bracelet and crushed Skeith.
◀ Just who is the boy who appeared before Kite...?

◀ Kite's adventure starts on the next page!



*SFX: TWITCH



THE ILLEGAL
PROGRAM MUST
BE DELETED...



...I WISH
TO BORROW
YOUR STRENGTH,
BALMUNG.

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WE HAVE
CONFIRMED THE
USE OF AN ILLEGAL
PROGRAM AGAIN.

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ORIGINAL WORK ■ HIROTA MASAKURA ORIGINAL PLAN ■ HIROSHI MATSUYAMA
MANGA ■ MEGANE KIKUYA

Who is the boy who suddenly appeared?!

HE
WON'T
RETURN...

—He's a Twin
Blade user like
me...?



YOUR FRIENDS
WON'T RETURN

UNTIL YOU
DEFEAT HIM...
DEFEAT THE
EIGHT PHASES...

EH?



...AND
BESIDES,
WHO ARE
YOU?!
ISN'T
IT FINISHED
NOW THAT HE'S
DEFEATED?!

WAIT!!
WHAT'S THE
MEANING OF
THIS?!!



*sfx: tsss tsss tsss tsss tsss

*SFX: *GLARE*



I...
see...
You're
...

Th- ...
that's ...
Aura's
Bracelet...!!



*SFX: *SHINE*





A BUG?
...WHERE ARE
WE?

OWOWOWOW-...
WHAT'S WITH
THIS-...?



HUH, HUH?
MISTRAL,
DO YOU KNOW
SOMETHING?

COULD
IT BE...

AH.

LOOKIE
LOOKIE-♪
THERE'S
SOMETHING
WRITTEN
HERE! (^ ^)v

ズパーン

THAT THERE ARE
RARE ITEMS HERE-?!

WITHOUT
YOU, THIS CHILD
WOULDN'T EXIST.

SKEITH...
INNIS, MAGUS...
WHAT ARE THESE?
THERE'S A TOTAL
OF EIGHT.

AH~♪
I WONDER
IF THEY'RE
THIS GIRL'S
NAME?

THAT'S
WHY I WILL
NAME HER
AURA.

UM-
AU-...



WE ENTRUST
HER WITH OUR
DESIRES,

WE ENTRUST
HER WITH OUR
FUTURES.

*SFX: *SPREAD*



THE CHILD
THAT SHINES
WITH LIGHT,
AURA.



*SFX: *DRIFT*



THIS WAS
THE LETTER
EMA ADDRESSED
TO HAROLD, THE
FATHER OF "THE
WORLD", THE ONE
WHO BROUGHT
"THE WORLD" TO
LIFE.

YOU DON'T
EVEN KNOW
THAT MUCH.



NO,
THERE'S
NO NEED
TO REVEAL
MY NAME...



I AM
...

WHO USED
THE ILLEGAL
PROGRAM...?

WAS
IT YOU



*SFX: *RUSH*

*SFX: *DRAW*



...BECAUSE
I'M GOING TO
KILL YOU!



—He's weak?!

...?!

WAH!

WA-...
SEC-...

WAIT
A SEC...!!

*SFX: BANG

*SFX: CLANK CLANK CLANK CLANK

!?

SO
THAT'S IT



*SFX: THUD

...MOVE.

IF YOU
INTEND TO
INTERFERE,
I WON'T SHOW
MERCY EVEN
IF YOU'RE
A GIRL!!

*SFX: WHIRRRR

I ... have
the power of
the bracelet!

WAIT RIGHT
THERE, YOU!
WHAT ARE
YOU DOING,
SUDDENLY
ATTACKING
US?!

*SFX: *STEP*

YOU
FINISHED
ORCA WITH
THAT POWER
...!!



STOP!!
IF YOU WANT
TO CONTINUE
FIGHTING,

I WON'T
SHOW MERCY
EITHER...!!



HUH?

I'M ASKING
YOU IF YOU WERE
THE ONE WHO
RENDERED ORCA
UNCONSCIOUS!!

*SFX: BLAST

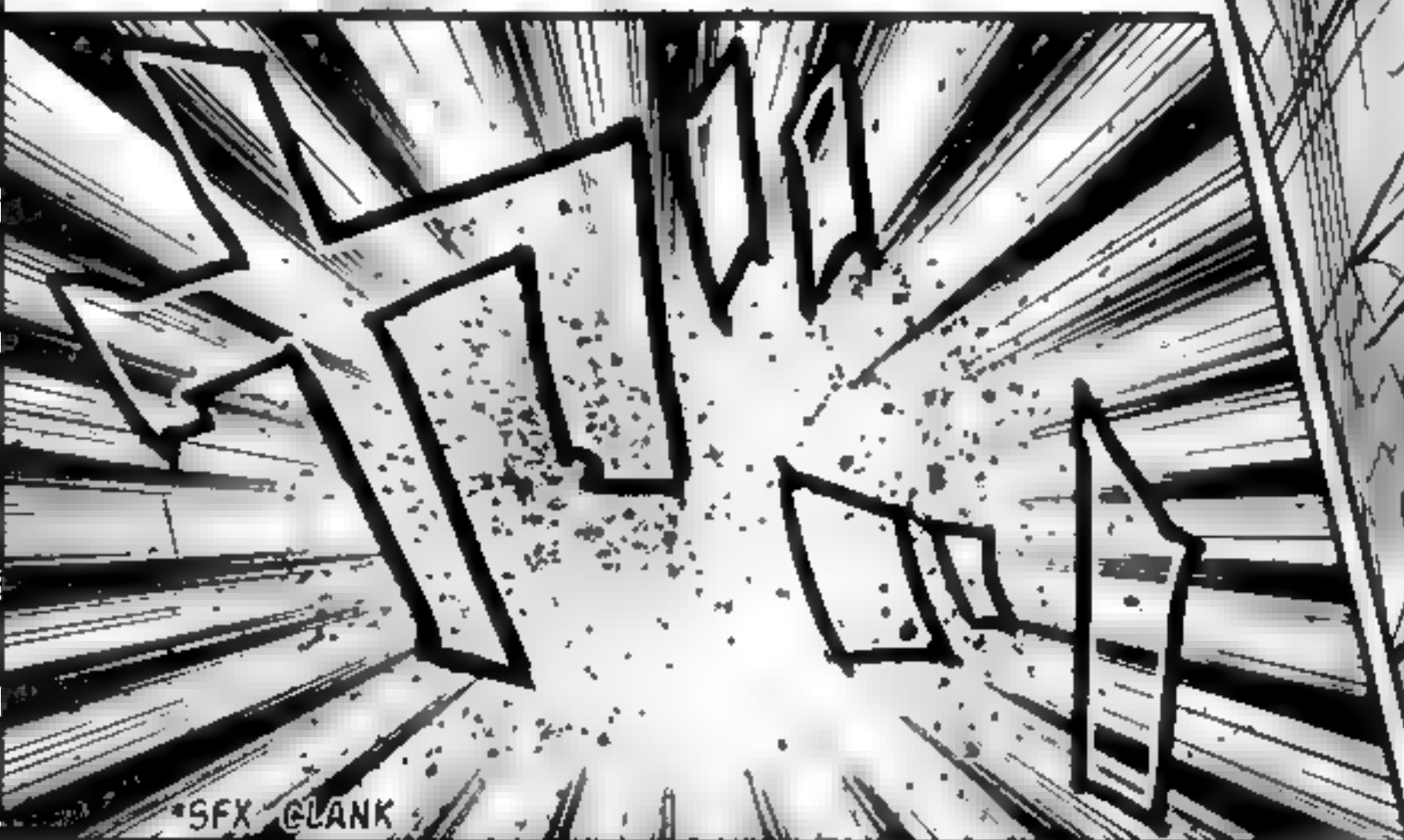


That I...

rendered Orca
unconscious
...?



What
did he say?



*SFX: CLANK

IT SEEMS THAT
YOU HAVE SOME
GUTS AFTER ALL...

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UGH...

*SFX. CREAK CREAK CREAK CREAK CREAK

NO ...
IT WASN'T
ME!

*SFX. *GRAB*

THEN
WHAT'S THIS?!

WHAT'S
THIS STRANGE
ILLEGAL
POWER...?!!



ISN'T IT THE SAME
ILLEGAL PROGRAM
THAT RENDERED
ORCA UNCONSCIOUS?!!

*SFX CRASH

*SFX. *SHINE*

KITE!!



IF YOU DON'T WANT
TO FALL PREY TO
THAT ILLEGAL
PROGRAM
EITHER,

THAT'S JUST
CRUEL...!!

THEN
IT'D BE A
GOOD PLAN
TO SAY FARE-
WELL TO HIM
IMMEDIATELY.



YOU SAID
YOU WERE
KITE?



Come
immediately.
There's an
emergency.

Balmung...



*SFX. HUM

I WILL ONCE
AGAIN DELIVER
PUNISHMENT IN
THE NAME OF
FIANA'S DES-
CENDANTS...



*SFX. GRIT

WH-WHAT WAS
WITH HIM-?!!

*SFX. AARRGH!

is an illegal
program...?

-The power of
the bracelet...

IF THERE
COMES A TIME,
WHEN YOU STILL
HAVEN'T CHANGED
YOUR HEART-





—What do I do?

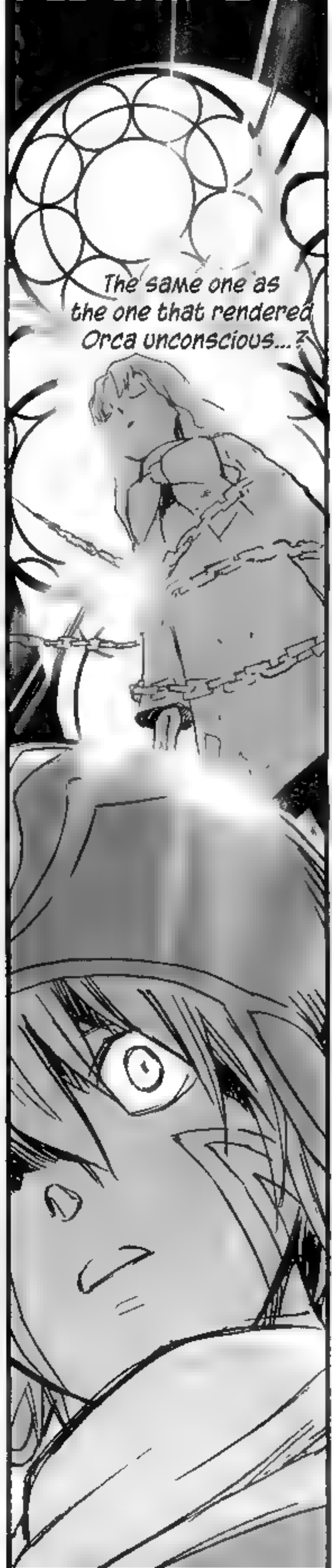


I didn't know that
the power of the
bracelet was such a
dangerous thing...

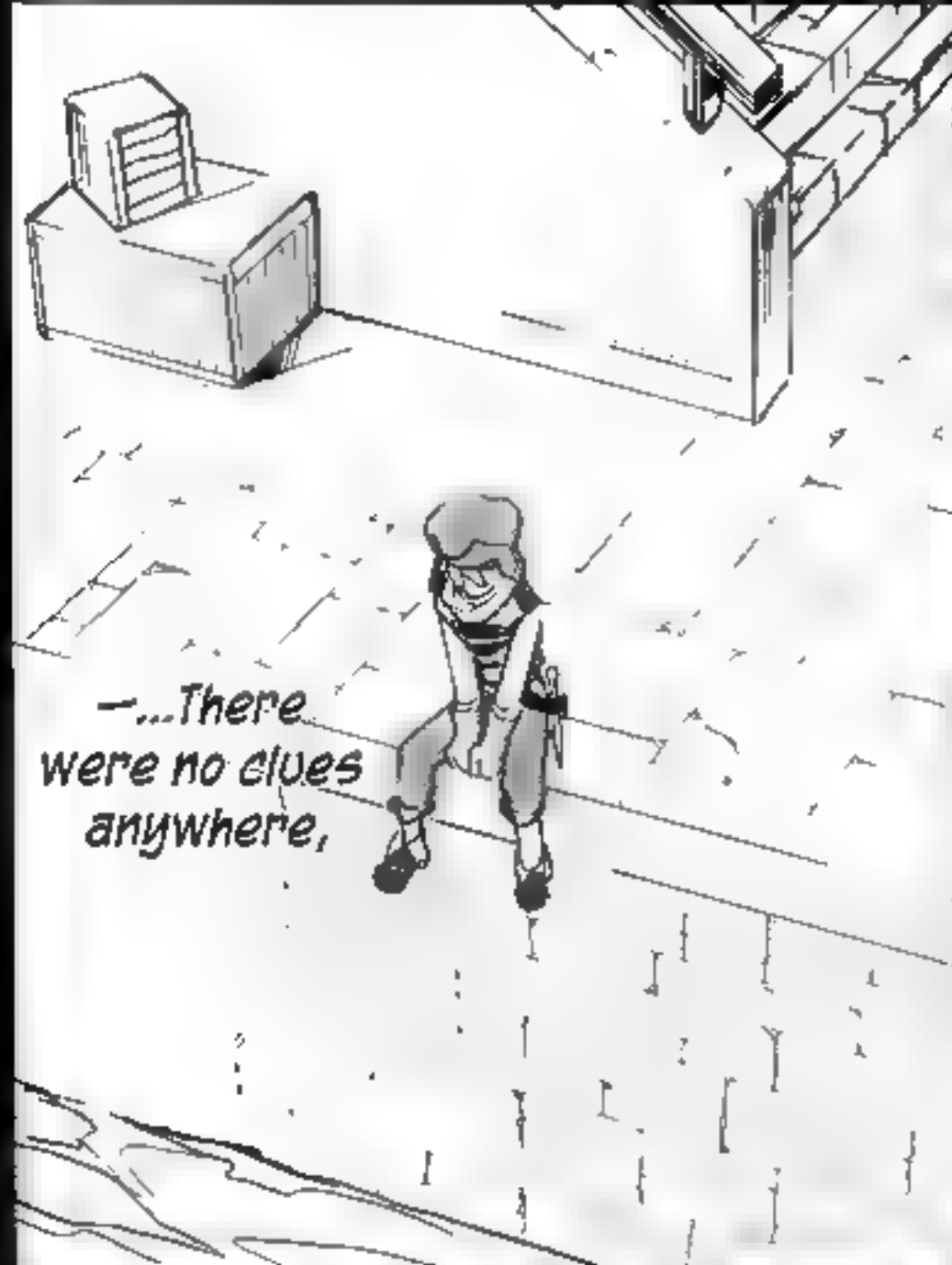
I ... I've involved
BlackRose and Mistral
without knowing anything...



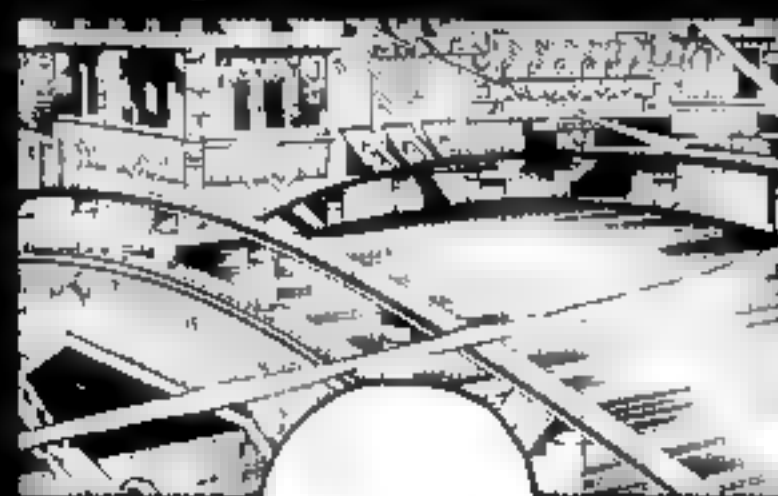
DON'T
PAY HIM ANY
ATTENTION,
KITE!!



The same one as
the one that rendered
Orca unconscious...?



—...There
were no clues
anywhere,



EH?

ORCA OF THE
AZURE SEAS?
I HAVEN'T SEEN
HIM LATELY...



and the doctor
at the hospital
won't let me
see him.

The support center
didn't respond at
all either...



ISN'T THAT
IMPOSSIBLE
FOR YOU?

DON'T
TELL ME
YOU WANT
HIS MEMBER
ADDRESS?



I DON'T
KNOW...

A MONSTER
WITH A RED
CROSS?

*SFX: RUSTLE RUSTLE RUSTLE



YOU
SURE YOU
WEREN'T
DREAMING?





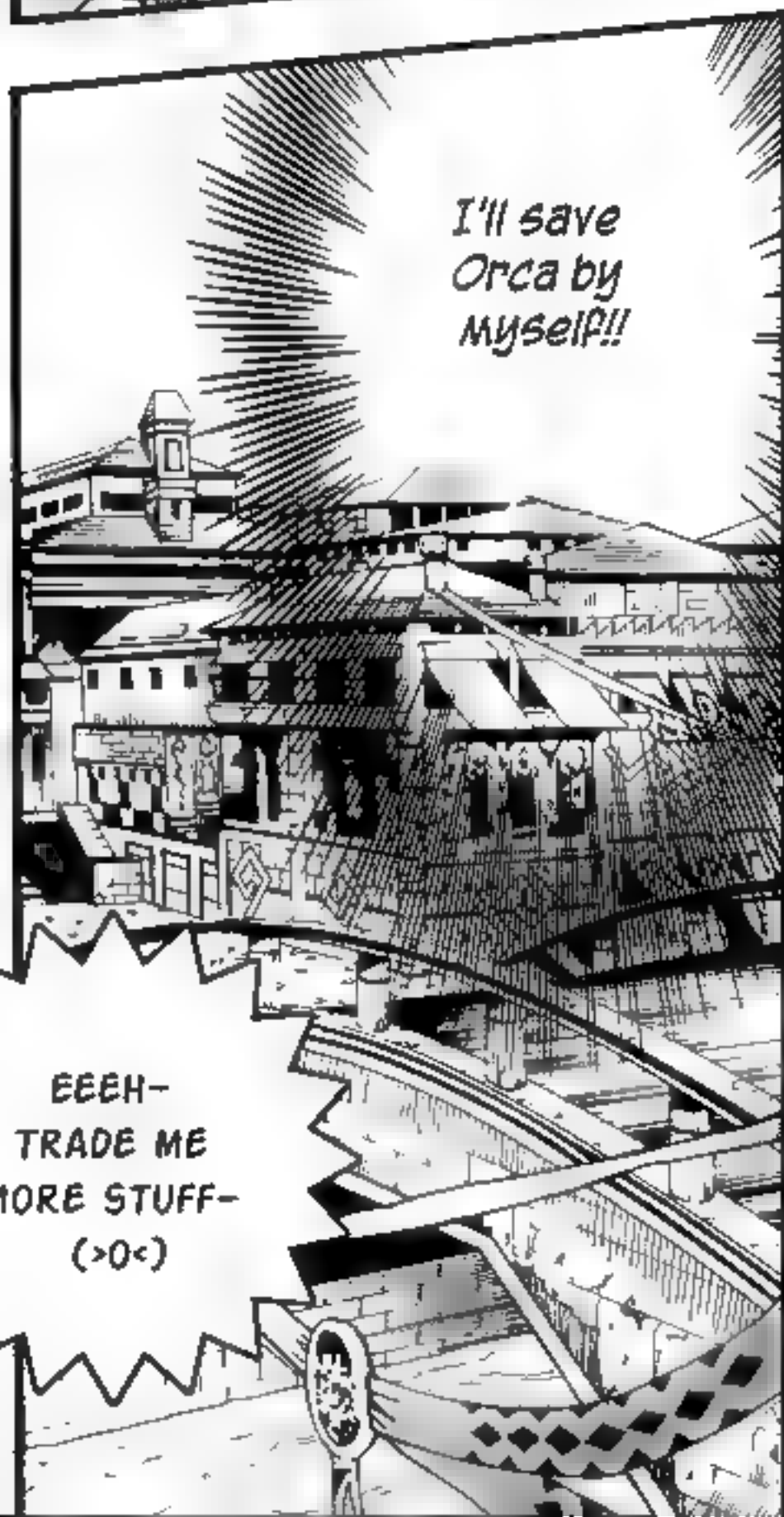
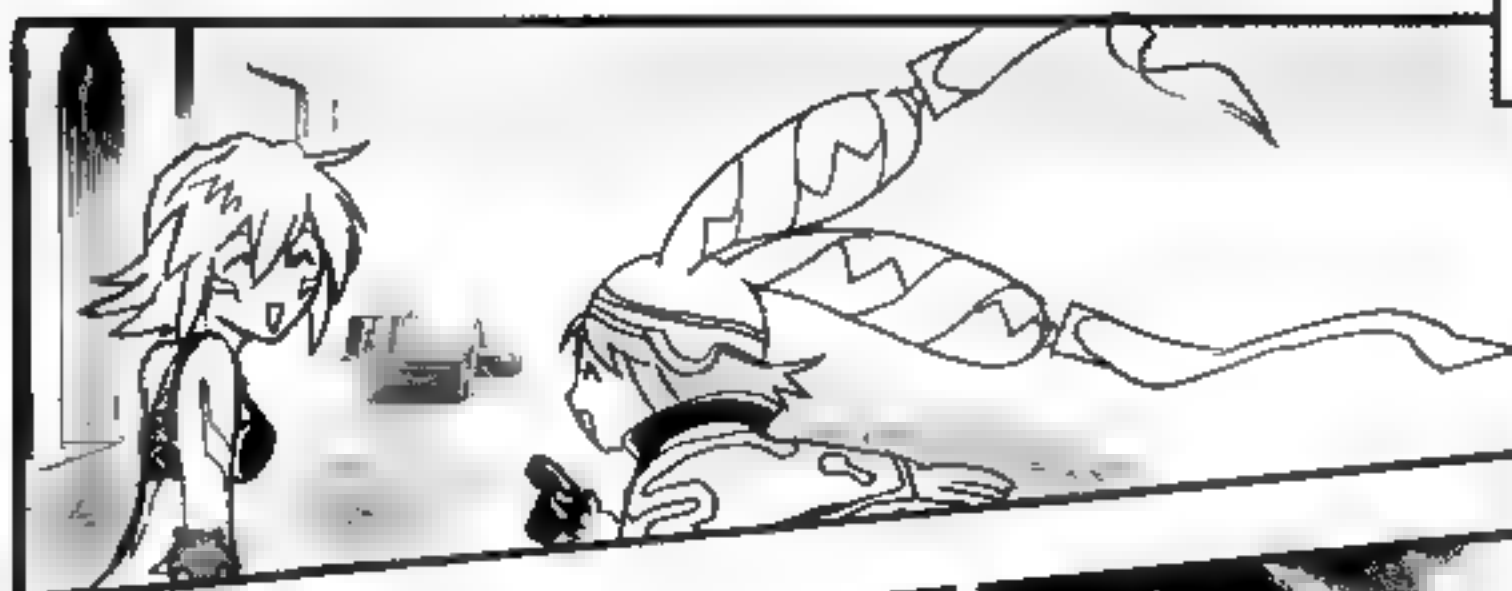
THAT'S
PRETTY
GOOD!

HMM?

SO YOU
WANT TO SAVE
A FRIEND...

BlackRose
was the
first one who
understood
me in "The
World."

And then
Mistral
joined...



I'll save
Orca by
myself!!

EEEH-
TRADE ME
MORE STUFF-
(>O<)



But now
that I know
that the power
of the bracelet
is dangerous,

I can't
involve them
anymore!!





LET'S MAKE
A PARTY TOGETHER.
I KNOW OF A
GOOD PLACE.

HEY YOU,
IF YOU LIKE
RARE ITEMS
SO MUCH,



THANK
YOU!!

That
idiot....!!



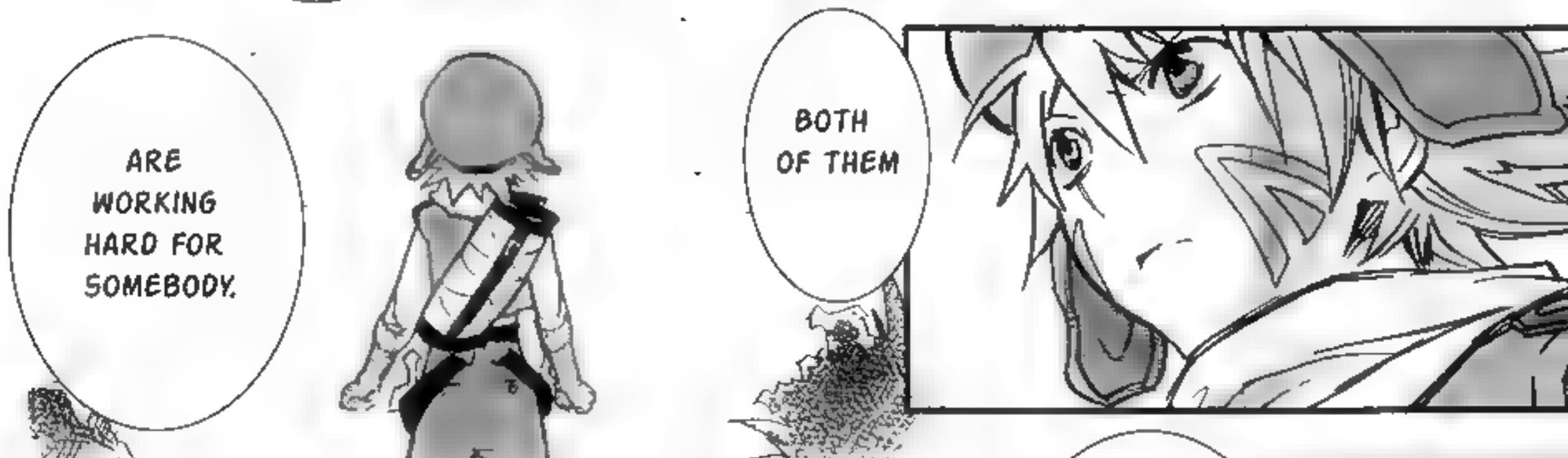
YOU CAN JUST
TRANSFER
FROM THEIRS
TO OURS.

I have
companions
already!
(^o^)/



WHY
THOSE
CHILDREN
ARE
FIGHTING.

BUT I
KNOW...



ARE
WORKING
HARD FOR
SOMEBODY.

BOTH
OF THEM



Kite...
until I get there,

THAT'S
WHY I...



WANT TO
BECOME THEIR
STRENGTH.

don't let yourself
get defeated

AAAHH!

IT'S
COMPLETELY
FLOODED...

*SFX THUD

The virus has
eroded the area
and the "water"
data is flowing
wildly...

*SFX: SLOSH SLOSH

*SFX: SPLASH

*SFX: SPLASH

But...
if the "eight phases"
he spoke of are the
key to solving the
mystery...

then
I have no
choice but
to try!!

If you don't
defeat all
eight phases

I still don't know—
the reason why Orca
became comatose.

There's a
total of eight...

*SFX: SLOSH SLOSH



I'll
fight by
myself!!

I HAVE
NO USE FOR
YOU, SMALL
FRY!

*SFX: BANG

**Fireball
Storm*!!*

*SFX: SCREEECH

*TL NOTE: IMMORTAL BIRD'S AMULET IN JAPANESE, IT'S THE ITEM THAT CASTS GIVAK KRUZ

*Even if I'm alone ...
I can make up for my
lack of skill with items!*

*SFX: OPEN



*That's right!!
Not only the field?
but even the monster's
infected by the
virus-too!*



AAAH!!



*SFX. AH!



BLACK-
RO-...

*SFX: WRAP



No...
I'm done
for!!



Oh yeah ...
I'm alone.
I have to do
something
myself!



Alone...

*SFX. CHARGE CHARGE



BLACK-ROSE!!

KITE-!!

*SFX: AH!

*SFX: AAAAAAAH!



*SFX. SCREEECH



*SFX: KK KK KK KK KK



*SFX *STAB*

THAT'S WHY
I'M FIGHTING!

*SFX: KAA

*SFX: EECH

KITE!

*SFX: POOF

*SFX: SCREECH

USE
THIS!!

*SFX: THROW



SFX: GUAHHHHH



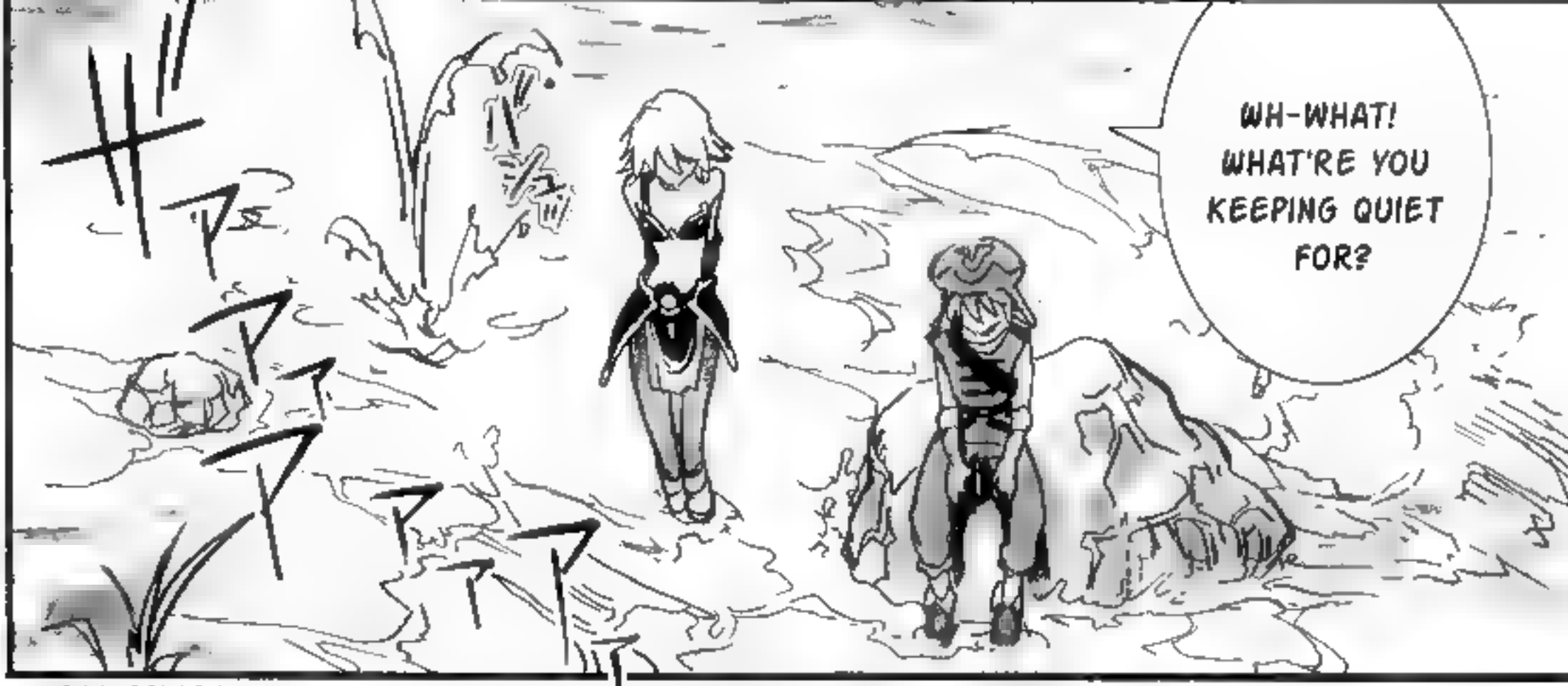
THE
SAME
THING THAT
HAPPENED
TO YOUR
FRIEND...

HAPPENED
TO MY LITTLE
BROTHER-

...I'M
SORRY.

I COULDN'T
FIND THE RIGHT
TIME TO SAY
IT...





*SFX: SPLASH





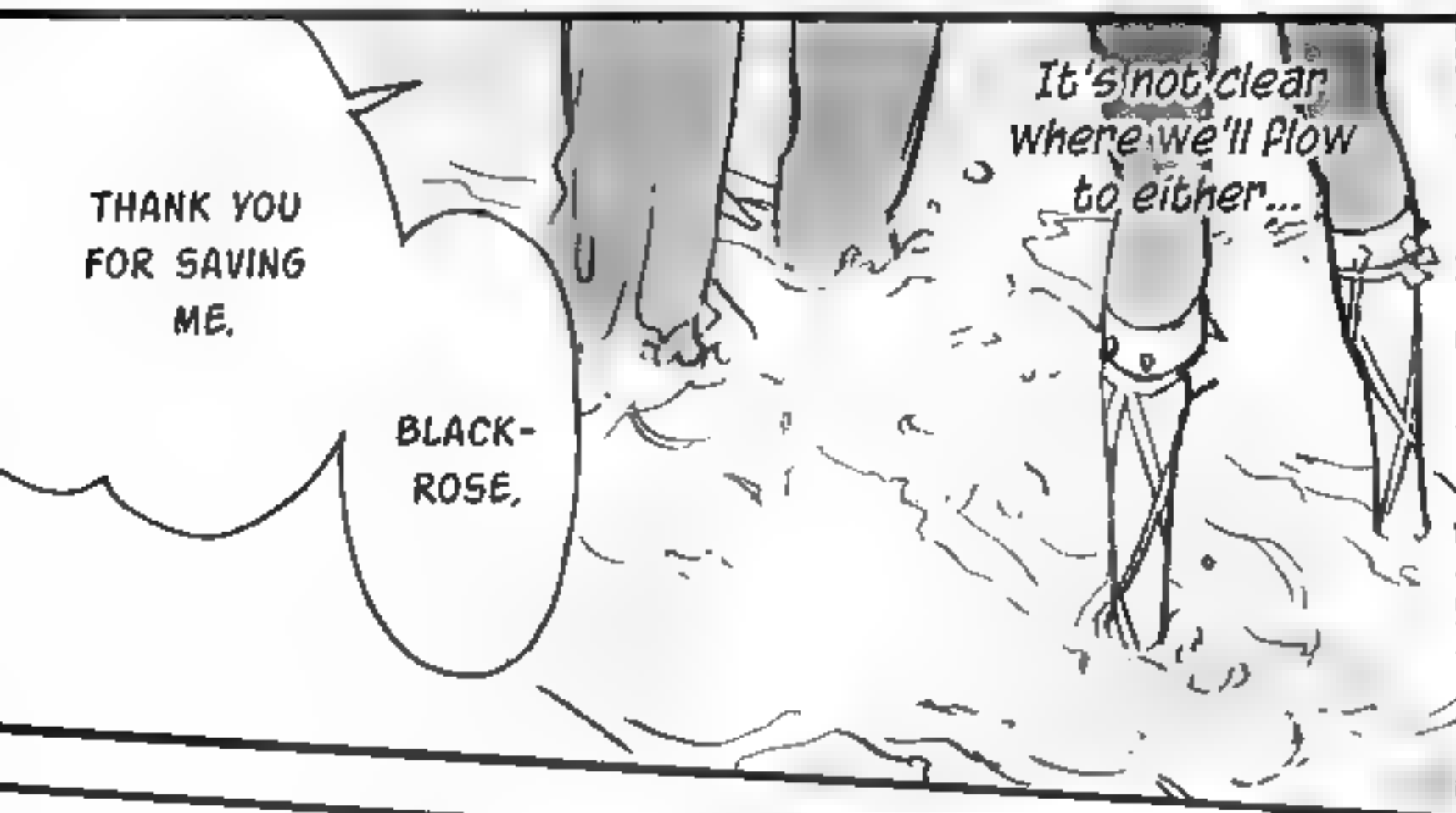
I wonder
what we'll do
from now on.

COM-
pletely
useless
alone...

I WAS
...



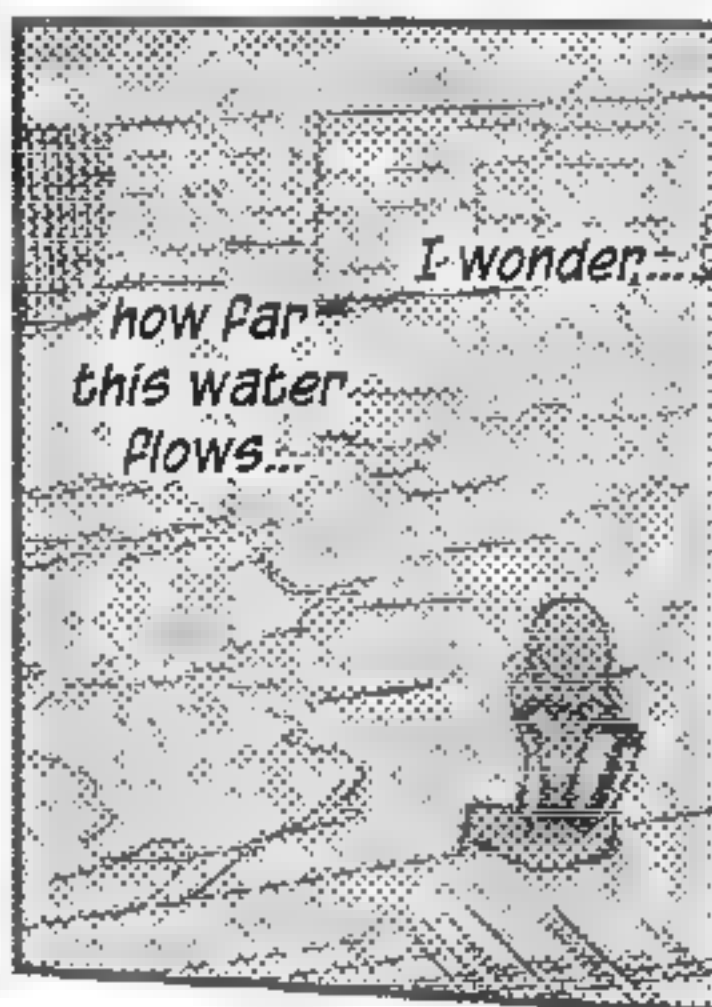
*SFX. SURPRISE



THANK YOU
FOR SAVING
ME.

BLACK-
ROSE,

It's not clear
where we'll flow
to either...



I wonder...
how far
this water
flows...



BUT WILL
YOU FIGHT
ALONGSIDE
ME?

U-UM...
THERE MAY
BE EVEN MORE
DANGEROUS THINGS
IN THE FUTURE,

ISN'T IT
OBVIOUS?!!

SFX: SPLASH

STARTS
NOW...

*SFX. ZAAAA

If it gets
dangerous,
then I'll use
this super
item and we
can run away
together!

It's
fine,
fine.]

MISTRAL,
THERE'S NO
WAY I CAN
INVOLVE
YOU....

THAT'S
RIGHT... THE
REAL TROUBLE

HMHHMM...

*SFX: ZAAAA

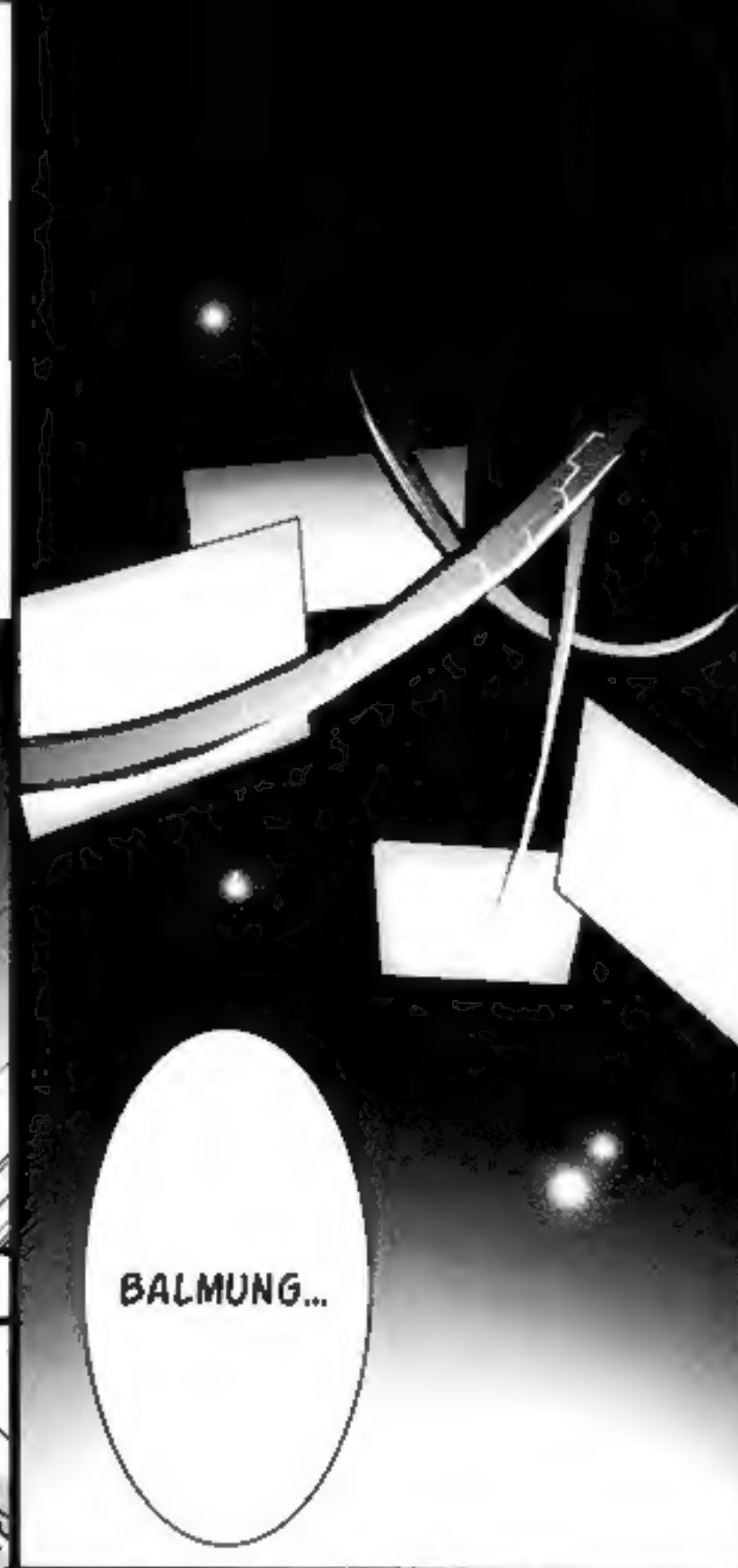


WHILE YOU
WERE MEETING
KITE...



WHAT?!

THE
ILLEGAL PROGRAM
WAS USED AGAIN
IN A DIFFERENT
LOCATION...



BALMUNG...



...it
can't
be!!



There's
another person
using the same
illegal program
as Kite...?!



*SFX: HOWL

*SFX: CRUMBLE CRUMBLE

GOODBYE,
INNIS...

*SFX: PANT PANT PANT...



Kite,



It really is...

impossible
for me to continue
on alone...



the one
who holds Aura's
bracelet...

Even for
Kite and the
others, who have
gotten stronger
in the reunion,
the situation
awaiting them
is...

I'll use your
"power"!!

CSFX: CRACKLE CRACKLE



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